



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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Winter Weather Reminder

Dear Parents,

Here at St. Michael's we believe it is important that students have the opportunity to participate in outdoor play as often as possible. We therefore ask that all students bring outerwear that is appropriate for outdoor play. Although we will stay inside for recess during heavy rain, extreme cold, or storms, we will try to go outside as often as possible. Please keep this in mind when preparing your child to come to school in the morning.

Thank you,

Mrs. Grant

WALKATHON

A huge thank you to all of our families who supported our Walkathon this year. We are so grateful to everyone who volunteered their time and talents and to the families who braved the rain and completed their walk! We would also like to thank everyone who came and supported the events in the gym. Well done to the Walkathon planning committee, the event was truly a success.

The administration team is working hard to collect and record all of the pledges and will share news of winners for our class and individual prizes very soon.

Please send any remaining pledges to the office by Monday, November 7th so we can calculate our totals.

Thank you!

HALLOWEEN CANDY

We are once again collecting Halloween candy in support of our Catholic Ministries in Vancouver. Candy reminds the residents of the downtown eastside that they are cared for and loved. The candy bags made up from these donations are a means to engage in conversation with those most vulnerable in our city and allow the opportunity for volunteers to offer words of hope, prayer and guidance. Boxes will be placed below the stairs outside the office and students are encouraged to bring in some of their Halloween treats to share with others.

RCAV SPIRIT DAY FOR GRADE 7

Our Grade 7 school and CCD students have the opportunity to attend Spirit Day on Saturday, November 5th with hundreds of other young Catholics around the Archdiocese. We pray they enjoy their time and return with a renewed sense of faith and commitment to preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. A reminder that spirit day cheques collected with Grade 7 registrations will be cashed this week.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to turn back your clocks, daylight saving time ends this coming Sunday, November 6th at 2 am.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - FAMILY MASS

This Sunday **November 6th** is the first Sunday of the month. Every first Sunday, the 8:30 am Mass is a special family Mass. The school choir is required to sing and our students also read at this Mass. Students are reminded to wear full school uniform.

Following our Mass, you are invited to join us for **pancake breakfast!** This will be served in the gym after the 8:30am and 10am Masses.

HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

This year, we have decided to expand how we approach the topic of Sexuality and Your Child through an alternate delivery method. Historically we have hosted parent evenings for parents with children in Grades 4-7 through individual grade level sessions. This year, St. Michael's school will be providing access for our parents to Colleen Mast's program "LoveEd". This program involves a series of online videos for you to watch with your child.

In the coming weeks, we will provide you with the video links as well as a discussion guide for you and your family to work through. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Mrs. Grant or Mr. Da Silva.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Our Grade 5's will lead the school in a special assembly to honour our veterans and those who continue to serve our country. Families are welcome to join us at **11am on Thursday, November 10th** for this special prayer service.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

On Friday, November 11th, the school will be closed for Remembrance Day. School is also closed on Friday, November 25th for a staff professional development day.

OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW FAMILIES

The school administration team will be hosting a question and answer session and open evening for new families on **Tuesday, November 15th from 6:30 - 8pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit our school and meet the principal, as well as ask any questions you may have about our community.

There will also be an **open house on Tuesday, November 29th from 9am - 11am** to allow interested families to tour the school while we are in session.

ARCHBISHOP CARNEY HIGH SCHOOL

New Parent Information Meeting for Grades 6 & 7 Families

"In anticipation of the Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School Open House, which takes place on November 25, we wanted to offer individual parent information sessions to each of our elementary feeder school families."

November 15, 2021, 7:00pm St. Michael's

FALL RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY

We have so much to celebrate here at St. Michael's, so we want to acknowledge and recognize the many students who have participated in school events and extra-curriculars this fall. At the Assembly we will be recognizing our chocolate sale winners, as well as our walk-a-thon pledge winners. We will celebrate our soccer and volleyball teams and share some of the acts of service our students have been involved in. This assembly will take place on Wednesday, **November 16th 11:30AM**. Students are asked to wear full uniform on this day.

3-WAY CONFERENCES

Our 3-way conferences will take place on **Thursday, November 17th** between the hours of 9am and 6pm. There will be **no regular classes that day** as teachers will be meeting with families all day.

Students are to attend their conference, wearing their school uniform at their scheduled time. Each conference will take approximately 15 minutes. We are using an online scheduling system to set up appointment times.


Online Scheduling

- **Opens Monday, November 7th at 9AM**
- **Closes Sunday, November 13th at 10PM**

If you do not schedule an appointment, teachers will allocate a time for you from their remaining time slots.

3 – WAY Conference – Online School Appointments

Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments web site: www.stmichaels.schoolappointments.com
2. Register for an account by clicking the "**REGISTER**" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "**Register Now**" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "**Add a Student**" button. If you have more than one child, click "**Insert New**" to add siblings.
4. Click the "**date**" icon  beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the teacher you wish to book appointments with and the "**View Calendars**" button.
5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments and then click the "**Book Appointments**" button to save your bookings. Repeat for each child.
6. Print your schedule of appointments when you have completed booking all your appointments.
7. When you have completed your entries – click to "LOG OUT"

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to our school on **Thursday, Nov. 17!** As well, please support our school library by buying raffle tickets to win prizes at the book fair! Please refer to the letter Mrs. Tantongco sent home for more information.

AUCTION NEWS

Join the Auction and get your volunteer hours!

The yearly Auction is the biggest fundraiser of the year, and provides plenty of opportunities to complete your volunteer hours.

The first Auction meeting is on Monday, November 14th, 7pm - 9pm at the Shrine Room under the church. (You can find the Shrine Room by following the cement path that curves around the left side of the church, between the church and the parish office. The door to the Shrine Room is at the end of the cement path.)

For more details about the Auction, please email stmichaels.auctioncommittee@gmail.com.
Hope to see you there!

CRAFT NIGHT

Save the date! We will mark the beginning of Advent with our annual craft night on Monday, November 28th 2022.

If you would like to get involved with the planning process, we will be meeting next week. Please email Sarah, sme.parentassociation@gmail.com. This event has lots of room for new ideas.

UNIFORM

WINTER UNIFORM Worn from November 1st to April 30th
(dates subject to change at principal's discretion)

GIRLS

White school golf shirt*
Tunic* (K – Gr. 3)
Tunic* OR skirt* (Gr. 4 – 7)
Navy blue school cardigan*
Navy blue school vest* (optional)
Navy blue knee-high socks OR leotards
All-black shoes (either all black runners or all black dress shoes)

BOYS

White school golf shirt*
Navy blue dress pants*
Navy blue school sweater*
Navy blue school vest* (optional)
Navy blue socks
All-black shoes (either all black runners or all black dress shoes)

INSTAGRAM


Our Instagram account is being updated weekly celebrating learning and activities here at St. Michael's school. Please take a look for [@stmichaelsbby](https://www.instagram.com/stmichaelsbby) and follow us! [If you have requested to follow us and have not been added yet, please email Mr. Da Silva, as it is a private account and we will only add those we know.](#)

UPCOMING DATES

November 5th	Gr.7 Spirit Day
November 6th	8:30AM Family Mass/School Choir Reminder Daylight Savings
November 7th	3-Way Conference Booking Opens 10AM
November 8th	Confession for Gr. 5
November 10th	11AM Gr. 5 Remembrance Day Assembly
November 11th	Remembrance Day No School
November 15th	Confession for Gr. 4; Question and Answer Evening for New Parents
November 16th	11:30AM Fall Recognition Assembly
November 17th	9AM to 6PM 3-Way Conferences/Bookfair, No regular classes
November 18th	9AM School Mass
November 22nd	Confession for Gr. 3; PEC meeting
November 24th	Non-Uniform Day
November 25th	CISVA Pro-D No School

Prayer for the Deceased

Remember, Lord,
those who have died and
have gone before us marked
with the sign of faith,
especially those for whom
we now pray. May these
and all who sleep in Christ
find in Your presence light,
happiness and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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